

In the Claims

Claims 1-20 (previously cancelled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A An ice dispensing machine including:

a dispensing panel for connecting with compartment including a compartment wall, said compartment containing an ice dispenser comprising including a dispenser chute said compartment wall having an opening through which said dispenser chute is positioned;

a display front;

a dispensing panel attached to said compartment wall and including a front with a display and a recess;

an ice delivery chute beneath said display front passing through said dispensing panel into said recess, said ice delivery chute being adapted to receive ice from said ice dispenser through said dispenser chute;

a shelf arranged approximately two feet beneath said delivery chute, a distance sufficient to allow an ice chest or ice bag to be positioned beneath said ice delivery chute said shelf being capable of supporting an ice chest; and,

an activating unit, including a money receptacle, for accepting money and activating said ice dispenser to deliver ice through said dispenser chute and to said delivery chute into said ice chest or ice bag.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The panel of Claim 20 wherein ~~said delivery chute~~ wherein an upper end of said ice delivery chute is located within a chamber formed in said dispensing panel, said chamber receiving said upper end of said dispenser chute.
~~is arranged in a recess below said display front.~~

Claim 23 (currently amended): The panel of Claim 20 including wherein said dispensing panel includes a bag dispenser. ~~carried by said display front for holding bags for filling with said ice~~

Claim 24-26 (cancelled):

Claim 27 (currently amended): The ice dispensing machine of claim 24 32 wherein said actuator includes a bill receptor and changer.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The ice dispensing machine of claim 24 32 wherein said display front includes a recess, ~~at least in which~~ in which said delivery chute ~~being mounted~~ is located within said recess.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The ice dispensing machine of claim 28 wherein said shelf is pivotally mounted within said receptor.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The ice dispensing machine of claim 24 32 wherein said ~~display front~~ dispensing panel includes a display panel above said delivery chute.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method of producing and dispensing ice comprising including:

providing a compartment which includes ~~providing an ice making maker and, an ice dispenser dispensing machine with an ice dispensing chute including a display front including ice delivery chute, an activating unit, an ice maker and a shelf beneath said delivery chute;~~

providing a dispensing panel which includes a display front, a chamber which receives a delivery chute, an activating unit, and a shelf beneath said delivery chute;

connecting said dispensing panel with said compartment with said dispensing chute positioned within said chamber and received in said delivery chute;

providing an ice chest which is approximately 2' high and placing said ice chest on said tray beneath said delivery chute;

~~providing money and inserting said money into~~ actuating said actuating unit ~~causing said actuating unit to actuate~~ to cause said ice maker to make a designated set volume of ice; and said dispensing machine to delivering said ice through said dispensing chute and said delivery chute into said ice chest and removing said ice chest.

Claim 32 (new): An ice dispensing machine including a compartment having a side wall and a dispensing panel:

said compartment containing an ice making machine and an ice dispenser, said ice dispenser being adapted to receive, store and dispense ice;

said dispensing panel being attached to said side wall and having a display front, an actuator, a delivery chute, and a support tray positioned about 2 feet beneath said delivery chute;

said delivery chute being positioned to receive ice from said dispenser through a dispenser chute passing through said wall;

an actuator being operative to activate said dispenser to deliver a set volume of ice; whereby,

clearance is provided to position an ice chest on said support tray to receive said pre-set volume of ice delivered from said dispenser through said dispenser chute and said delivery chute upon actuation of said actuator.